(c) The matter was fully inquired into and the allegation was not found to be correct. The Scientist was accordingly exonerated.

अनुसूचित जातियों/अनुसूचित जनजातियों के आरक्षण कोटे का बकाया को पूरा करने के लिए अभियान

542. श्री राम नरेश यादव : क्या कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार अनुसूचित जातियों तथा अनुसूचित जनजातियों के लिये निर्धारित आरक्षण कोटे के बकाया को पूरा करने के लिये कोई अभियान चलाने जा रही है ; यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ख) क्या अनुसूचित जातियों तथा अनुसूचित जनजातियों से संबंधित आयोग को संवैधानिक दर्जा दिये जाने संबंधी प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस कार्य के कब तक पूरा किये जाने की संभावना है ?

श्रम एवं कल्याण मंत्री (श्री राम विलास पासवान) : (क) 31-3-1990 की स्थिति के अनुसार अनुसूचित जातियों/अनुसूचित जनजातियों के लिए पीछे से चली आ रही आरक्षित रिक्तियों को भरने के लिये 1990 के दौरान एक विशेष भर्ती अभियान शुरू करने का प्रस्ताव है। यह अभियान अक्तूबर, 1990 के अन्त तक पूरा हो जाने की आशा है ।

(ख) और (ग) प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है ।

Rejuvenation of Panchayat Raj Institution

543. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any plan to rejuvenate Panchayat Raj Institutions in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when it would be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA): (a) to (c) The matter is under active consideration of the Government.

Construction workers in the country

544. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any survey to find out the number of construction workers in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to take any measures for their welfare; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) and (b) According to the 1981 Census, the number of workers employed in the construction industry was 3.56 million—3.20 million being made and 0.36 million being female.

(c) and (d) Various proposals containing measures for welfare of construction workers have been received and the same are being examined.

Agricultural Labour in the country

545. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of agricultural labour in the country;

(b) what is the maximum period in the year when they are gainfully employed;

(c) whether Government have formulated any schemes for their gainful employment during lean periods; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PAS-

WAN): (a) Number of agricultural labour in the country was 64,409,452 excluding Assam, according to the 1981 Census.

(b) According to Rural Labour Enquiry Report 1974-75, wage employment is available on the average for 193 days to the male workers and for 138 days to female workers in agricultural labour households.

(c) and (d) Various schemes under anti poverty programme such as IRDP and Jawahar Rozgar Yojna are aimed at giving self-employment and wage employment to the poorest sections of the community which includes the bulk of agricultural labour.

Formulation of Agriculture Policy

546. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated a new agriculture policy; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA): (a) and (b) As part of the new agriculture policy the Government have initiated action on evolving a series of measures to ensure better deal for the farmers by way of remunerative prices, strategy for generation of export surpluses and study of the feasibility of treating agriculture as industry, refinements in the comprehensive crop insurance scheme, providing adequate credit and improving marketing infrastructure by way of setting up of rural godowns and securing about 50 per cent of the Plan outlays for agriculture and rural areas.

Prices of turmeric

547. DR YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a slump in the market of turmeric and the prices are going down; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to prevent the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Use of banned pesticides

548. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the pesticides banned by W.H.O that are available in India as on date and the reasons for allowing the same to be used in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA): W.H.O. have not banned any pesticides nor does it recommend banning or restricting any pesticide product.

Cases registered under bonded labour Act

549. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases registered under provisions of the Bonded Labour Act, since the Act came into existence, State-wise; and

(b) what steps have been taken to prevent the same?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) A statement containing the information relating to the number of cases registered under Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976, State-wise is enclosed. (*See* below).

(b) States have been advised to enforce the provisions of the Act